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In the Claims

Without prejudice, please amend claim 1 and add new claims 10 to 16, as follows:

 (Currently amended) An injection molded product made of a compost degradable <u>thermoplastic</u> molding composition comprising

- - a polyester copolymer (b) prepared by copolymerization with said copolymer (a) with polyalkylene glycol [[,]]; a branched polyester copolymer (c) prepared by polycondensation of said copolymer (a) with polyalkylene glycol [[,]]; and [[,]] a polyester copolymer (d) having repeating units comprising aromatic dicarboxylic acids and a glycol component; wherein the weight proportion of the aromatic dicarboxylic acids in copolymer (d) is from 0 to 70 parts by weight per hundred parts of polyester (d); and with the proviso that the mol% of said aromatic dicarboxylic acids of said polyester copolymer (d) is less than the mol% of the carboxylic acid content of said copolymers (a), (b), and (c);
- (B) 1 to 60 wt.% of material selected from the group consisting of reinforcements and fillers;
- (C) 0. 1 to 7 wt.% of crystallization accelerator;
- (D) 1 to 60 wt.% of at least one flame retardant selected from the group consisting of an inorganic flame retardant, a phosphorous-based flame retardant and a phenolic polymer; and
- (E) 0.1 to 5 wt.% of lubricant.

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2. (Previously presented) The injection molded product of claim 1, in which the inorganic flame retardant is an inorganic hydroxide.

- 3. (Original) The injection molded product of claim 1, in which the melting point of the molded product is not lower than 170°C and not more than 240°C.
- 4. (Previously presented) The injection molded product of any one of claims 1 to 3 in which the molding composition is a blend of said copolymers (a), (b), (c) and (d).
- 5. (Previously presented) The injection molded product of claim 1 wherein said product has heat distortion at temperature not lower than 80°C and the crystallization speed is faster than 1.2 min. at 120°C.
- 6. (Cancelled)
- 7. (Previously presented) The injection molded product of claim 2 wherein said product has heat distortion at temperature not lower than 80°C and the crystallization speed is faster than 1.2 min. at 120°C.
- 8. (Previously presented) The injection molded product of claim 3 wherein said product has heat distortion at temperature not lower than 80°C and the crystallization speed is faster than 1.2 min. at 120°C.
- 9. (Previously presented) The injection molded product of claim 4 wherein said product has heat distortion at temperature not lower than 80°C and the crystallization speed is faster than 1.2 min. at 120°C.
- 10. (New) The injection molded product of claim 2, in which the inorganic flame retardant is selected from the group consisting of Mg(OH)₂, Al(OH)₃,CaCO₃ and BaSO₄.

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(A) 20 to 98.8 wt. % of an aromatic polyester copolymer (a) having repeating units comprising an acid component and a glycol component, wherein the acid component comprises about 50 to 90 mol% of terephthalic acid, about

(New) A compost degradable thermoplastic molding composition comprising

0.2 to about 6 mol% of sulfonic acid metal salt, and about 4 to 49.8 mol% of aliphatic dicarboxylic acid; wherein the glycol component comprises about 50 to 99.9 mol % of ethylene glycol and about 0.1 to 50 mol% of

diethylene glycol; and one or more polyester copolymers selected from the

group consisting of:

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a polyester copolymer (b) prepared by copolymerization with said copolymer (a) with polyalkylene glycol;

a branched polyester copolymer (c) prepared by polycondensation of said copolymer (a) with polyalkylene glycol; and

a polyester copolymer (d) having repeating units comprising aromatic dicarboxylic acids and a glycol component; wherein the weight proportion of the aromatic dicarboxylic acids in copolymer (d) is from 0

to 70 parts by weight per hundred parts of polyester (d); and with the proviso that the mol% of said aromatic dicarboxylic acids of said polyester copolymer (d) is less than the mol% of the carboxylic acid content of said copolymers (a), (b), and (c);

- (B) 1 to 60 wt.% of material selected from the group consisting of reinforcements and fillers;
- (C) 0. 1 to 7 wt.% of crystallization accelerator;
- (D) 1 to 60 wt.% of at least one flame retardant selected from the group consisting of an inorganic flame retardant, a phosphorous-based flame retardant and a phenolic polymer; and
- (E) 0.1 to 5 wt.% of lubricant.
- 12. (New) The compost degradable thermoplastic molding composition of claim 11, in which the inorganic flame retardant is an inorganic hydroxide.

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13. (New) The compost degradable thermoplastic molding composition of claim 12, in which the inorganic flame retardant is selected from the group consisting of Mg(OH)₂, Al(OH)₃,CaCO₃ and BaSO₄.

- 14. (New) The compost degradable thermoplastic molding composition of claim11, in which the melting point is not lower than 170°C and not more than240°C.
- 15. (New) The compost degradable thermoplastic molding composition of claim 11 that is a blend of said copolymers (a), (b), (c) and (d).
- 16. (New) The compost degradable thermoplastic molding composition of claim 11 having a heat distortion at temperature not lower than 80°C and a crystallization speed faster than 1.2 min. at 120°C.